

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, APR. 16, 1875.

JUST BEFORE SUNRISE.

BY ALFRED B. STREET.

Night's wavering star, in heaven afar, With growing pearl is blending, And up the heights of sky the light In streaks of rick ascending.

The village wakes, each roof outbreaks In smoke-wreaths upward curling; And joins the mist, by the soft light Kissed.

From the smooth pond unfurling, Bold chanticleer chokes out his cheer, His nodding neck a-glitter; With strutting gait then seeks his mate, Scratching amid the litter.

The oxen start the creaking cart To the hay-field in the hollow; And toper Jake, half-awake, His morning dram to swallow.

The ale house red is open spread, Where, deep in cackling tattle, The patriarchs sit at twilight's fit, While lad's drive home the cattle.

From the crossing road to his green abode The Deacon slowly emerges, And toward the door of the corner store His peering paws urges.

With a gasp a buttered fowl a-flutter While Rob at the manger batters, Within he goes, with daughter Rose, To choose her silks and satins.

In fleecy lock, on trip the flock, Or pause the grass to nibble; While on the walk blends many talk With childhood's merry tattle.

Shrill shrieking puffs come dashing up, Stoops, grins as if in danger; His fore-paw reaches sharp his ears, Then off in three-footed canter.

Geese biting, stoop with necks a loop; Boys scrambling by and fighting; With many a dove from the blue above On dainty feet alighting.

With sleepy quack, from the corn house back, In a nook of the farm yard lurking, The ducks march out and feed about, Their crescent bills a-jerking.

Tolls up the lane the lurching wain, The lurching wain, the lurching wain; While with pie hook, along the brook, A lad his line is swinging.

And heed and hear, it warbles clear, The bobolink in the meadow, Now seen, now lost as his sheen is crossed, By sunshine or by shadow.

The robin's song flows sweet along From the old crook o' apple, Where brindle hens and whisks the flies, Mottled in dancing apple.

And now the sun the hill has won Where he pours out his splendor; And grateful nature in every creature Thanks to the Great Giver tender.

Miscellaneous Items.

The sun says with lip, "I thaw it." A Western burglar wants a patent on an improved jimmy.

Why does March come in like a lion? Because it comes in with a spring.

An exchange will be discontinued with the next newspaper which reaches this office with an account of over three children in a birth.

A bill has been introduced in the Main Legislature to sell eggs by weight. Its effect will be to encourage the laying of large eggs.

Wanted: A boy to shovel snow. Permanent employment until July 1. Apply at any house in Rome, Michigan.

In Minnesota wood is only two dollars at the door, but then it takes a cord of wood to warm one side of a man up there.

Every convict now discharged from the Nevada State Prison receives twenty-five dollars in gold to start a new life with.

The Herald thinks they've been taking too much kissing water in Brooklyn. That's a Viehys remark.

"What a shame that I should be starving!" exclaimed a poor corset-maker out of work. "I that have stayed the stomachs of thousands."

Somebody is wanted in London to purchase the machine invented by the last man who tried to fly, and who is now in the bosom of Abraham.

This is good: There are two reasons why some people don't mind their own business. One is they have no business, and the other is that they have no mind.

The deceased wife's sister bill has been passed in the British House of Commons. What at business has a deceased wife's sister to do with Bill, anyhow.

Out west they are holding spelling matches for the benefit of the grass-hopper sufferers. In addition they used to hold them for the benefit of bad spellers.

A New York correspondent says you can always tell a young man descending from the first families of Boston, by his having or the end of his nose a wart sprouting three hairs.

Mr. Beecher may have "rung the bells in the forest glades," as Tracy says, but coming yourself to the case, gentlemen, the case. Did he have anything to do with the city belles? Is the question.

Was Othello. The other evening a kind-looking old man was escorted to a room on the third floor of a hotel to pass the night, and it wasn't five minutes before the bell indicated that he wanted to see a waiter. A colored boy ran up, stuck his head into the room and asked what was wanted. The old man said he didn't want anything, but the waiter was hardly down stairs before the bell rang again.

"Did you want nuffin?" he inquired as he reached the room again. "Nothing," replied the old man as he opened the door.

In about two minutes his bell rang again, and this time the waiter exclaimed: "If you don't want nuffin what ar' ye pullin' de bell for?"

"I want to oblige the waiter," said the old man.

"De waitah! Oblige de waitah?" "Yes, it says here: 'Please ring the bell for the waiter,' and if he hears it rung I'm willing to oblige him, though I'm tired and sleepy and shant pull it more than four times more unless I know that some of his family are sick!"

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